



# Board of Commissioners

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### **Lake County Commissioners Appoint Two New Members to the Laketrans Board of Trustees**

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, June 30, 2022— Laura Pizmoht and Kim Stenger have been appointed to the Laketrans Board of Trustees by the Board of Lake County Commissioners.

“Laketrans serves some of our most vulnerable communities. It’s important that our Board of Trustees for Laketrans understands their needs,” said Commissioner John R. Hamercheck. “Having a Board that reflects all of our community will make for a more responsive and a better Laketrans.”

Laketrans is Lake County, Ohio’s regional public transportation system that offers local routes, door-to-door Dial-a-Ride, and Park-and-Ride commuter express services to connect employees and jobs between Lake County and Downtown Cleveland. Laketrans proudly serves over 750,000 riders each year.

The Board of Trustees is made up of 9 members who are appointed by the Lake County Commissioners for 3 year terms. The meetings are broadcasted live on Laketrans’s YouTube page.

“With the increasing prices of gas and increasing challenges of the Lake County labor market, it’s more important now than ever to ensure that Laketrans is meeting the transportation needs of businesses and residents of the county,” said Laura Pizmoht.

Laura Pizmoht is an attorney and has previously served on other Boards as well as the Willoughby Hills City Council. Laura is appointed to the Board of Trustees for a term ending May 15, 2025.

“I am excited and honored for this opportunity to serve my community. As a person with a disability who relies on Laketrans every day, I hope to bring a unique perspective to the board. I want to make sure the organization stays strong for years to come,” said Kim Stenger.

Kim Stenger is also an attorney and has been a regular Laketrans rider for over 20 years. Kim is appointed to the Laketrans Board of Trustees for the remainder of a term ending May 15, 2023.

“It’s life affirming and inspiring to see two lawyers, two ladies, two public servants who have overcome challenges, not just for themselves and their families, but to give back to their community as a whole. I know firsthand that public service is not for the faint hearted especially at the local level. There’s great responsibility and it’s never easy, and that’s when you’re 110% ready to go with a cup of coffee. When you’re struggling through cancer, or a disability, it adds that much more of a challenge but I think it adds that much more perspective,” said Commissioner John Plecnik.

Commissioner Mark A. Tyler stated that he believes Laura Pizmoht and Kim Stenger will bring great enthusiasm to the Laketrans Board of Trustees and do great things for our community.

“I think it’s great to have folks that are both interested and qualified to join our board. It’s also wonderful to have such a great partnership with the Commissioners,” said Laketrans CEO Ben Capelle.

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